

FHBA Legislative Highlights

Week Four of Legislative Session

The building permit transparency bill sponsored by Senator Keith Perry and Representative Jayer Williamson was approved by both the House and Senate and sent to the Governor for his approval. FHBA President Bill Truex has already transmitted a letter to Governor DeSantis recording our support.

Representative Byron Donalds presented HB 207 on the House Floor. The bill eventually passed the House and is now in the Senate. Its companion bill, SB 144 by Senator Joe Gruters, passed its final Committee of Reference and now awaits a hearing by the full Senate.

Both the House and Senate Mitigation Banking Bills have been approved by their final committee of reference and await full chamber approval.

Both the House and Senate moved budget proposals out of committee. Both budgets double the amount of monies dedicated to unlicensed activities. The chambers vary with respect to Sadowski funding. The Senate provides full funding, but with a significant portion going towards the Hurricane Michael area. The House proposal funds only 40%, with all of it going to Hurricane Michael.

Below highlights activities of priority bill.

Top Priorities

Permit Fee Transparency

Passed the full House & Senate and HB 127 is headed to the Governor

Collection of Impact Fees

HB 207 – Passed Third Reading 110 to 12

SB 144 – Passed out of its last committee of reference (Appropriations) favorably 19 to 0 and is ready for Floor action

Growth Management Package

COM1 – the House PCB was assigned a bill number HB 7103 and was referenced to Judiciary and State Affairs

SB 1730 – Did not move this week

Florida Building Code Enforcement (Excess Permit Fees)

HB 715 – Did not move this week

SB 1036 – Did not move this week

Construction Industry Workforce

HB 775 – Did not move this week

SB 1118 – Passed out of its first committee of reference (Innovation, Industry & Technology as a committee substitute 10 to 0

Alternative High School Graduation Requirements

HB 7055 – Passed out of its first committee of reference (PreK-12 Appropriations Sub) as a committee substitute 11 to 0

SB 770 – Did not move this week

Onsight Sewage Treatment & Disposal Systems

HB 973 – Did not move this week

SB 1022 – Passed out of its first committee of reference (Community Affairs) as a committee substitute 5 to 0.

Mitigation Banking

HB 521 – Its second committee of reference was removed leaving State Affairs as its last stop. It passed out of its last committee and is ready for Floor action

SB 532 – Passed out of its last committee of reference (Appropriations) favorably 21 to 0 and is ready for Floor action